



Spring@First

April 21 - May 26



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21 Sunday, April 21 – Dr. Ryan Baer preaching, Installation & Ordination of Elders, *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Hymn Festival at Athens FUMC)

Elder Recognition Reception

Please join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service to thank the elders in the Class of 2024 and welcome the Class of 2027 as they begin their service on the session.



For the Beauty of the Earth - Hymn Festival, April 21, 3:00 p.m.

All are invited for an ecumenical hymn festival hosted by Athens First United Methodist Church, led by renowned organist and conductor, Dr. Marilyn Keiser. Our Chancel Choir will join choirs and clergy from downtown Athens churches to celebrate the wonders of God's creation through hymns, accompanied by handbells, brass, and organ. The event is free and open to the public, with a reception following the festival.

Tuesday, April 23, All God's Creatures, Courtyard, 5:30 p.m.

23 The Weekday School invites church families to our "All God's Creatures" at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23. We are bringing in our "Wildlife Wonders Zoo To You!" friends to present this hands-on fun exploring how God made each animal unique. Questions? Email WDS Director, Elaine Johnson, at elaine@firstpresathens.org.



Wednesday, April 24, Last Wednesday@First of Spring 2024

24 Dear Friends, please make plans to join us this Wednesday, April 24, for our last Wed@First of Spring 2024. There will be opportunities for all ages for fellowship, food, learning, and spiritual growth. Please see the full schedule of activities on our [website](#), and don't forget to RSVP for dinner in the Atrium or online by Monday at 12 noon. To RSVP online, please go to tinyurl.com/WedAtFirst.



28 Sunday, April 28, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching

Bethlehem Ministry's Kids for Change Campaign

Kids for Change is a campaign to empower women in Haiti.



By donating to this cause, your money will support the initiative to give mature goats that will essentially be a savings account for the family. Included in the gift are veterinary services for the first 2-3 years. To make a donation, please go to Bethlehem Ministry's website at tinyurl.com/KidsforChange.



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5 Sunday, May 5, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching, Communion Sunday, Food Sunday, Scottish Reformation Sunday, Youth Group End of Year Party

Scottish Reformation Sunday, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m., Reception at 12:00 p.m. Join our annual celebration of our Scottish heritage at both worship services, along with recognition of local and state dignitaries at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to join the processional and recessional. If you need to borrow a kilt, please call Smith Wilson (706-338-4646) or Lee Epting (706-353-1913).



10 Friday, May 10, Weekday School Graduation



12 Sunday, May 12 - The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard preaching, Graduation Sunday, Blessing of the 5th Graders

Graduation Sunday

Each year, we recognize our high school graduates in worship on Mother's Day. Youth and their parents are invited forward for a blessing, with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. Whether active or not, we want to celebrate all our seniors! If you know of a High School Senior, please e-mail their information to Kim Ness at kness@firstpresathens.org so we can extend an invitation.

Blessing of the 5th Graders, Children's Ministry Suite, 9:45 a.m.

Parents and children are invited to a special Godly Play story and feast to celebrate our graduating 5th Graders! For more information, please contact Natalie Bishop at natalie@firstpresathens.org.



Week of Wonder (VBS) 2024 - Registration Deadline

Join us for Week of Wonder 2024! Children going into Pre-Kindergarten through 6th Grade are invited to join us for this super fun week at First Presbyterian Church of Athens Monday, July 14 – Wednesday, July 17. Please go to FPC website for more information and to register.

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19 Sunday, May 19, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching, Pentecost, Confirmation Sunday, Installation Service for The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard

Pentecost Offering

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the offering will be given to a local organization, and the remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Confirmation Sunday

Our 2024 Confirmation Class has been meeting, working with their mentors, and growing as a group since October 2023. On May 19, they will join the church and make their profession of faith. Please join us as we welcome them into our church family. Reception following in Fellowship Hall.

Installation Service for The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

The Northeast Georgia Presbytery invites you to the Installation Service of The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard on Sunday, May 19, at 3:00 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

26 The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard preaching, One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.



Our Daily Bread - Downtown Ministries

Volunteers from FPC provide and serve meals to our neighbors in need monthly at First Baptist Church: lunch on the first Wednesday, and breakfast on the second and fourth Tuesdays. For details and to help, please contact Ann Dunn at anndunn8@gmail.com or Fran Lane at fjlane@uga.edu.

Books for Keeps Book Drive, through May 26

Please bring your used books to the bins in the Atrium or church office through May 26. Books of all kinds will be accepted, then sold by Books for Keeps with proceeds used to buy new children's books. To learn more about the organization, go to booksforkeeps.org. Thank you!



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